



FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

Well, not too much happening since the KH1 dxpedition to Baker/Howland island ended. Even though conditions were less than optimal, anyone here in California that wanted to work them could have done so without any problem.

I got a late start, but still managed to get them on four band slots, 15m being the most difficult.

Next month, we activate N6P at the Pt. Reyes lighthouse, so anyone that wants to join in is most welcome.

Mark your calendar for the following dates, Sept. 9th is our club picnic, held at my QTH and Dec. 19, our is Christmas party at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Springs.

Anyone still needing to finish the J-pole antenna, should bring it to the meeting. We will try to get some time in the program to complete it.

Remember, this hobby is about having fun using radio to communicate with other hams. No mode is preferred over an other. If you have the chance, activate a repeater. There are commercial interests out there that would pay lots of money to have our bands, especially, VHF/UHF, so keep them occupied. Enough preaching.

73, Jim, K6UUW

NEXT MEETING

Wed, July 18, 2018, 7:30pm
City of Sonoma EOC,
Sonoma Police Department
Topic: TBA

VOMARC Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2018

Called to order at 19:31 by President K6UUW,
Thank you very much!

KG6N (Frank), KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), K6UUW (Jim), KA5WSS (Robert), WA6CRB (Dan), KI6TPK (Kevin), KM6SJR (Elizabeth), KJ6ZMV (Wendy), WD6BOR (Darrel), KE6HID (Andrew), NJ6E (Stan), N6TVN (Carl), KA2QQO (Declan), KF6FZM (Dick), WB6TMH (Mike), N7PIB (San), K6KLL (Alan), KJ6QIQ (Scott)

Introductions.

Minutes: Approved

President: Thanks to KA5WSS. The Google Calendar on the VOMARC Webpage looks great.

Vice President: No News.

Secretary: Got the insurance renewal.

Treasurer's report: We have received \$290 in dues this year. We have paid the \$320 for

insurance and sent the \$100 donation to the Historic Radio Society. We have \$3654.93 in the bank. We will need to pay the \$50 permit fee for the N6P event at the Point Reyes Lighthouse.

ACS: Annual Yellow Command training event is scheduled for September 6. The focus will be on Care and Shelter. Sign ups should be coming out in August. The event will be held at Sonoma State. There was a meeting on the Alert and Warning Committee. WA6CRB is on the committee representing ACS. The committee is looking at multiple ways to make real time contact with the public. There has been a budget increase in Emergency Management and they will be hiring 5 new employees.

Radio Officer: WB6TMH is back in Sonoma.

VE Session: The next VOMARC VE Session is September 29.

New Business:

N6P is August 18/19 -Lighthouse on the Air Weekend. Call sign has been reserved. We need to get an insurance certificate and file an application with the Park Service.

QSL Cards – KE6HID has a box of QSL cards from 1956. The club would be interested in seeing them.

Old Business:

W6AJF Trustee-K6UUW will contact the ARRL for help making the change.

New Radio Discussion: With money in the bank, the question has been brought up if we want to sell the clubs Kenwood TS590 and look at another radio like the Icom 7300.

Field Trip to the Historical Radio Society-
Possible trip in July

Meeting Adjourned at 20:00

Field Day Planning

—Submitted by: Dave KD6FIL

ITU Claims Kosovo Prefix (Z6) Is Not Valid

As if gaining independence is not hard enough, Kosovo has another battle on its hands, this time with the ITU. The prefix used by Amateur Radio stations in Kosovo (Z6) was apparently not properly assigned to the small and relatively new nation. Worse yet, the nation is not yet an ITU

member and probably has no mechanism by which it can obtain an internationally recognized prefix.



<http://www.arrrl.org/news/assigning-kosovo-z6-call-signs-unauthorized-and-illegal-itu-secretary-general-says>

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Macedonia Agrees To Change Its Name

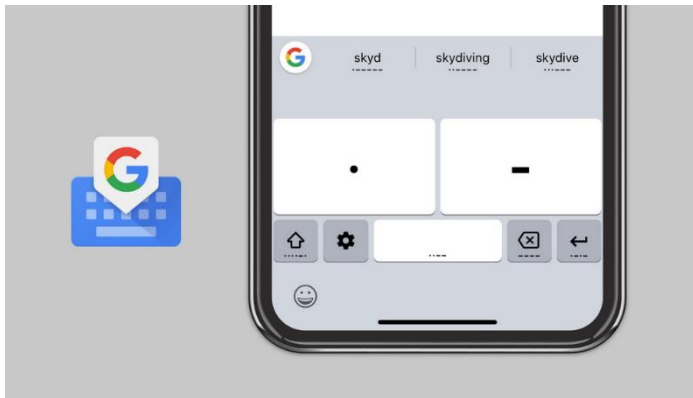
In the ever so interesting Balkans, another development, though not directly Amateur Radio related. Officially, the country of "Macedonia" is known as the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYRM), a Kafkaesque creation made necessary due to diplomatic objections from Greece based on perceived territorial ambitions over its own province also called Macedonia.

An agreement has been reached to allow the nation to be referred to as the Republic of Northern Macedonia. This should not affect the existing DXCC status for the entity. So don't get all excited when you hear the new country's name on the bands.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Who Says Morse Code Is Dead?

Morse Code may no longer be a requirement for Amateur Radio licensing but it remains a popular mode on the air. It turns out the oldest form of radio communication still has other roles to fill in helping people communicate through difficult conditions. GBoard, the Google keyboard available on Android and iOS mobile devices is adding the ability enter text via morse instead of typing on a virtual keyboard. The blog article below also includes a link to a game developed by Google to teach the code from scratch.



<https://www.blog.google/products/search/making-morse-code-available-more-people-gboard/>

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

After years of silence...



...I finally have a working HF station at home. Just set things up with an end fed longwire antenna along a fence line and have

been busy making FT8 contacts despite the bad conditions.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Field Day 2018

—Photos by Robert KA5WSS



A wide view of all three operating W6AJF Field Day stations.



A close up view of one of the operating stations with Ed (W1EJ) at the controls.



Jim (K6UUW) at the controls of one of the SSB stations.



Breaking down the station at the conclusion of the contest.

Historic Radios at SFO



This was part of a large display of old radios shown in the United Air Lines terminal as San Francisco airport.

Don't know who sponsored this but it was pretty impressive. Maybe it was the folks at the California Historical Radio Museum.

—Submitted by Jim, K6UUW

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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Black Bear Restaurant, 201 W Napa St, #34 (Marketplace Shopping Center), Sonoma. The fun starts at 08:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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—OR—

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C/O Sonoma Police Department

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2018 ACS

Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY		
AUGUST	BILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST	CARL	N6TVN
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 18, 2018, 7:30PM,

CITY OF SONOMA EOC, SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST ST W, SONOMA, 95476

SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2018

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.